

Arendtsville Borough Council
1 Chestnut Street
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May 13, 2026

ATTENDANCE: The monthly meeting of the Arendtsville Borough Council was held on May 13, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at the AVS Community Center, 1 Chestnut Street, Arendtsville. The following council members were present: Jay Johnson, Chris Swartz, John Campo, Paula Martin and Katie Neiderer. Also in attendance were Secretary Maddi Kuhn, Borough Superintendent Ron Cooper, and Mayor April Jones. Absent from the meeting were council member Brenda Shull Pollard and Council President Ken Shafer.

CALL TO ORDER: Vice President Chris Swartz called the Council meeting to order at 6:30 pm and everyone in attendance recited the Pledge to the American flag.

GUESTS: N/A

MINUTES: A MOTION WAS MADE BY JAY JOHNSON AND SECONDED BY JOHN CAMPO TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 8, 2026, MEETING. MOTION CARRIED BY A 5/5 VOTE.

BILLS: A MOTION WAS MADE BY JAY JOHNSON AND SECONDED BY PAULA MARTIN TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING APRIL 2026 BILLS: GENERAL - \$44,487.10; WATER - \$15,925.60; SEWER - \$7,294.51; PAYROLL - \$20,575.53 STATE - N/A. MOTION CARRIED BY A 5/5 VOTE.

BOROUGH SUPERINTENDENT:

- General Boro: Superintendent's report was reviewed. They continue to do daily water samples and monthly bacteria testing. Pecks were here this month to haul sludge and clean the grit chamber. The catch basins were cleaned, and mowing is in full swing. Curb painting has started, as well as finishing the benches at the park and borough office. Street sweeping went well, and the guys are hoping to get the hydrants flushed this month.
- Water and Sewer:
 - The April 2026 Water/Sewer report showed the average gallons of water pumped per day were 53,467; average gallons of sewer treated per day were 67,730; average difference was -14,263.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Was reviewed.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- The April 2026 Mayors Report was reviewed. April is paying monthly for a porta potty for residents to use as well as the food truck vendors. Vendors are reporting that they are doing well and continue to sell out, which we are excited to hear.
- April purchased a banner for the food truck that has been hung on the fence in the park. Maddi suggested that she reach out to Wayne, the code/zoning enforcement officer, to see if she needed a permit for the sign. He stated that she did need a permit, but she is waiting for him to send her the ordinance proving that.

- Ron stated that the materials were purchased to fix the fence at the food truck location. Parts are rotting and falling over. There was discussion about tearing the fence down all together, but no decision was made about that.
- April is planning a paint night in the park in July. She requested to use the gym in the event of rain that day. We will talk about this again at our June meeting.
- Movie night in the park is a go, as we are partnering up with the Jaycees to make this happen. The date is to be determined.
- COG minutes were reviewed.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

- Brenda plans to go down and pull weeds in Hanne Park and will talk about scheduling a larger cleanup at the June meeting.

FINANCE:

- Council reviewed. Jay stated that the numbers look good!

WATER/SEWER/HIGHWAY:

- Jay stated that the cross walks need painted before school goes back in session in August.

PERSONNEL: N/A

PLANNING COMMISSION: No Meeting

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY: Reviewed April Meeting Minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- April 2026 State Police Report- Not Submitted
- April 2026 Arendtsville Fire Co. Run Report- Not Submitted

OLD BUSINESS:

- **P3 Towers-** Maddi spoke with Ken requesting that we ask P3 towers to wait until the June meeting as we are waiting on some documentation from the courthouse for Dan Altland to look over, and the speak to P3 Towers on our behalf. More to come next month.
- **Minute Book/Online:** The minute books have not been completed since 2015. Maddi now has them all caught up, completed, and in the safe. Borough council meeting minutes are also now online, as this is something that should be posted monthly after minutes are approved.
- **Code Book Editorial Analysis:** Karen has been working through the analysis for our online code book. It is a huge analysis, but once it is done, we will be very close to getting the code book online.
- **250th Celebration Volunteers:** Brenda had requested this be on the agenda, just to get an idea of who all from our council will be helping with this event. The following members stated that they had volunteered, John Campo, Jay Johnson, and April Jones. Brenda Shull Pollard is also volunteering but was not at our meeting. Maddi Kuhn, Karen Menges, and Ron Cooper are also volunteering that day.
- **Solicitation:** Jay Johnson feels that it is important that we ask for criminal background checks from anyone getting a transient retail permit. This covers food trucks and door-to-door solicitation. He also feels that we should charge a registration fee just for them doing the permit, that cost would cover the borough's cost to send in for a criminal background check on the person applying for the permit. Maddi stated that some of the food trucks already supply the criminal background check when applying for the permit, without being asked. Jay is looking into surrounding borough and municipalities in what they charge for permits and food trucks as he feels out pricing is too low. Council agreed for Jay to get more information on this and to see what needs to be done to raise the prices of permits going forward.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **RESOLUTION 2026-4: DISPOSITION OF RECORDS**
 - **A MOTION WAS MADE BY JAY JOHNSON AND SECONDED BY KATIE NEIDERER TO DISPOSE OF OFFICE RECORDS FROM 2021-2025. MOTION CARRIED 5/5.**
- **STREET SIGNS AT THE SCHOOL**
 - Ron and Maddi have been talking with a resident on Fohl Street about his concerns about children running out into the street. He is afraid one of them will get hit by a car. He wants to put up neon signs on our speed limit signs and the schools speed limit signs to bring more attention to drivers. They would need to be PENN DOT approved signs, but the resident stated he was going to order them from Amazon. Ron offered to meet with the resident to discuss face to face and look at the problem area with him. Maddi agreed to email the resident and let him know this information and let him know to set up an appointment to meet with Ron.
- **Letter From the Hardy Family**
 - We received an email from a college student requesting the opportunity for a paid or unpaid internship to shadow Ron on the water run. Council commented on how good a resume he provided. Unfortunately, the borough is not set up for internships. It is a high liability having a student ride along in a borough truck who is not on our workers' compensation policy or our insurance. Council hopes for the best for him!

EXECUTIVE SESSION: N/A

TABLED BUSINESS:

- 660 Winding Road Water Agreement (Karen)
- Sidewalks (Karen)
- Hometown Hero: (Maddi)
- Chestnut Street Work (June 2026)

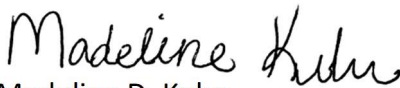
WORKSHOPS, SEMINAR, CONFERENCES:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There being no further business, **A MOTION WAS MADE BY KATIE NEIDERER AND SECONDED BY PAULA MARTIN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED BY A 5/5 VOTE.** Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.

NEXT MEETING: June 10, 2026: 6:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Madeline D. Kuhn
Arendtsville Borough Secretary